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Senator Luchini, Representative Schneck, and members of the VLA Joint Standing Committee:

I have no affiliation and am not a paid lobbyist, just opted to provide written considerations of the following bill(s):

(YES, with Amendment) LD 1348 - An Act To Authorize Sports Wagering - This is reasonable, but should include tribal communities. There will however be drawbacks, as this is one of the least healthiest ways to improve Maine's economy and one of the least needed industries. It seems that the State is just mining for money.

(NO) LD 1515 - An Act To Allow Sports Wagering in Maine - This is written too broadly, is unenforceable, and essentially criminalizes every Patriots fan in the state. It appears this bill has criminalized family, holiday, or office pools (squares, brackets, etc...). Reference LD 1571 and 1642 - The State seems to prefer to relieve one regulation while inadvertently criminalizing far more than their bills are intended to assist. It also seems that the State is just mining for money.

(NO) LD 1571 - An Act To Establish the Exclusive Right of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in the State To Conduct All Sports Betting in Maine - This appears reasonable at first glance, but this law, like 1515 and 1642, appears to sweep in benign family, friend, and coworker small sports pools (football games, basketball brackets, squares, etc...)) - Relieve one regulation, criminalize many others. It also seems that the State is just mining for money.

(NO) LD 1642 - An Act Regarding the Regulation of Sports Wagering - This appears reasonable at first glance, but this law, like 1515 and 1517, appears to sweep in benign family, friend, and coworker small sports pools (football games, basketball brackets, squares, etc...)) - Relieve one regulation, criminalize many others. It also seems that the State is just mining for money.

If you want more money and more activity, perform structural regulatory form on the multi-generational old, obsolete, and oppressive regulatory, occupational, tax, election, and criminal statutes. Suppose promoting gambling and taking away individual rights is just the easy route.

Thank you.